

THE MAN
WHO WAS
ABLE TO
CATCH
A STAR

IT WAS
THE YEAR
1984.

I CAN
NEVER
FOR-
GET IT.

THE NECK-
LACE YOU
WORE AT
THAT TIME

SHONE

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ハウトゥ
キヤッチ
アスター

YOUR
DIGNIFIED
AND
ELON-
GATED
BACK.

How to catch a star
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IT WAS
LIKE A
SHOOTING
STAR.

AND DREW
A BEAUTI-
FUL ARC
AS IT FELL.

THAT WAS
A PERFECT
DIVE FROM
ABIEL
HERMAN!

31 YEARS LATER

HUH?!

AREN'T YOU
MISTAKING ME
FOR SOMEONE
ELSE?





BUT I'M NOT
THE ONE YOU
IDOLIZED.

IT'S TRUE
THAT MY
NAME IS
ABIEL,

I KNEW IT...

A MAN
IN A SUIT
UNBEFIT-
TING FOR
A TATTOO
SHOP.



THAT
WAS THE
ABIEL
I SAW
FOR THE
SECOND
TI-



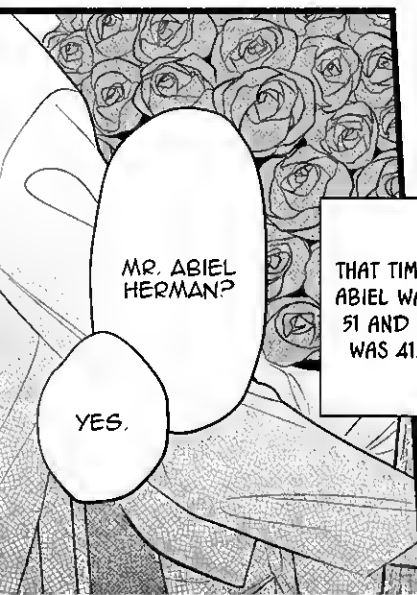
ABIEL!



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
PUSH
THROUGH
WITH IT, GET
A STAR.

HAVE YOU
ALREADY
DECIDED ON
A DESIGN?

I'M SURE IT
WOULD SUIT
YOU!



MR. ABIEL
HERMAN?

YES.

THAT TIME,
ABIEL WAS
51 AND I
WAS 41.

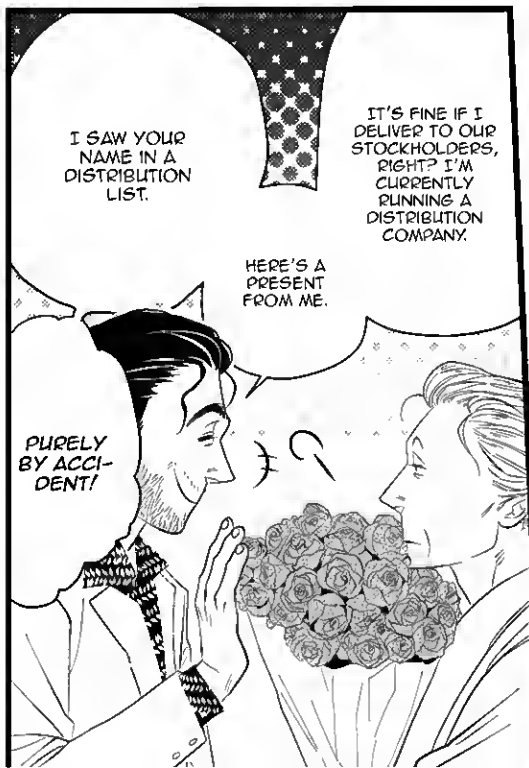
THREE
YEARS HAVE
PASSED
BEFORE I
MET HIM
AGAIN.

...I WILL
THINK
ABOUT IT.



PLEASE
SIGN
THIS.

DO YOU
REMEMBER
ME?



I SAW YOUR
NAME IN A
DISTRIBUTION
LIST.

IT'S FINE IF I
DELIVER TO OUR
STOCKHOLDERS,
RIGHT? I'M
CURRENTLY
RUNNING A
DISTRIBUTION
COMPANY.

HERE'S A
PRESENT
FROM ME.

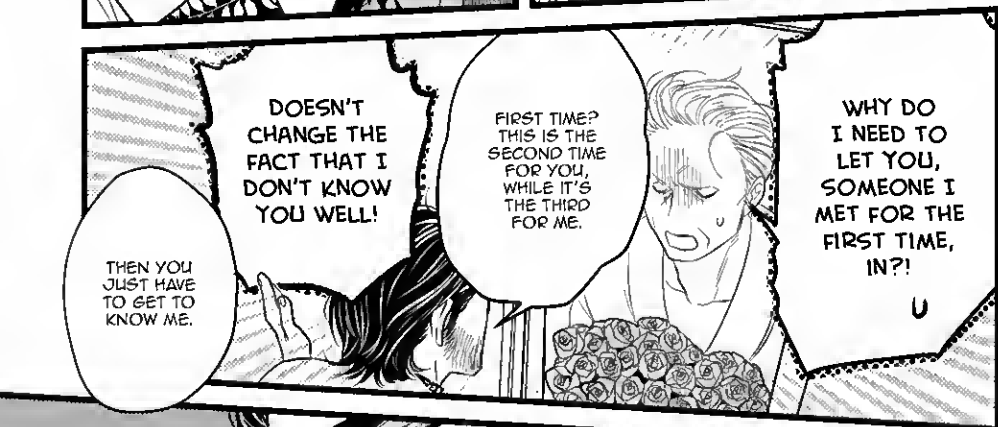
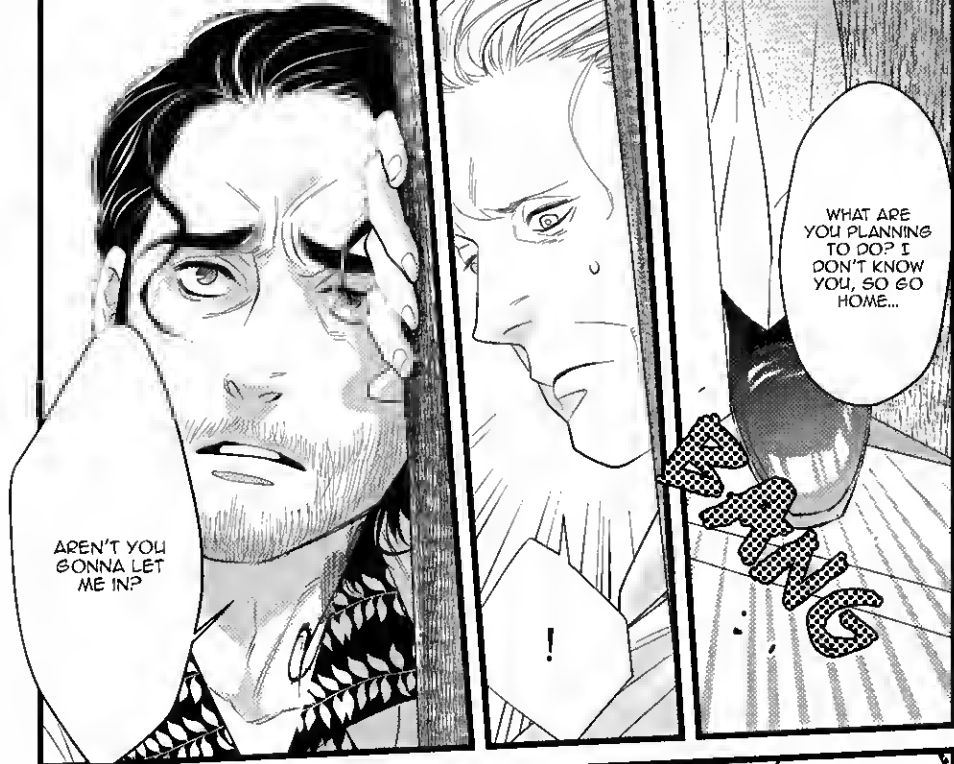
PURELY
BY ACCI-
DENT!

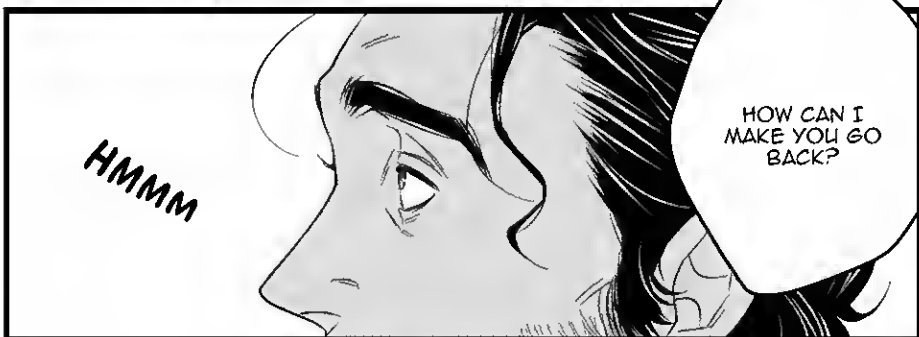
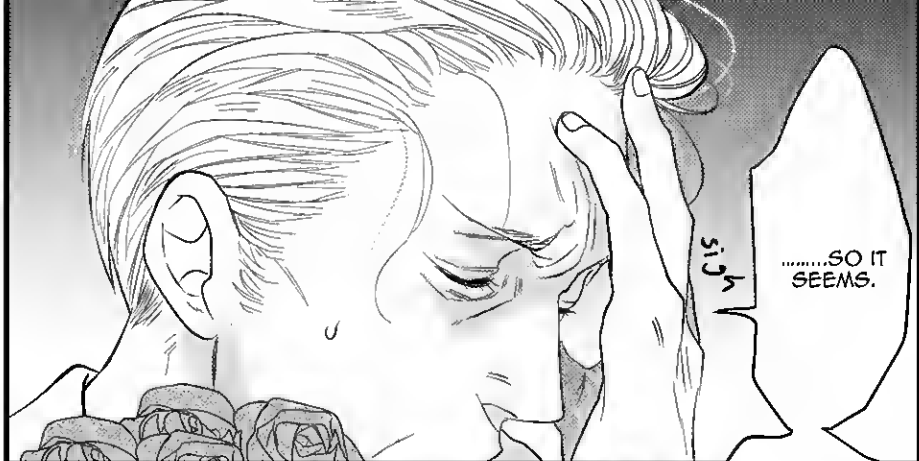


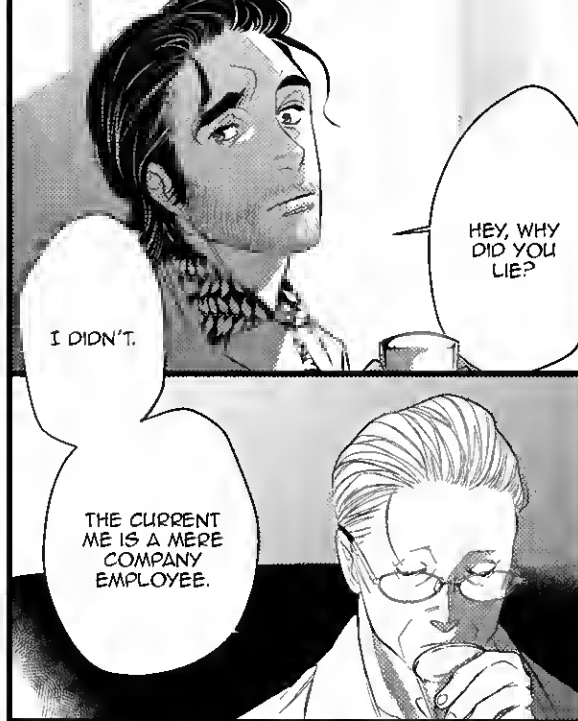
...WHAT'S
YOUR
BUSINESS
WITH ME?

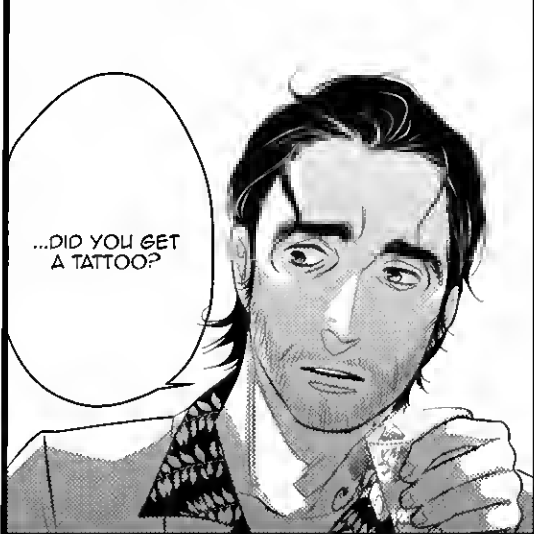
HOW DID
YOU FIND
THIS
PLACE?

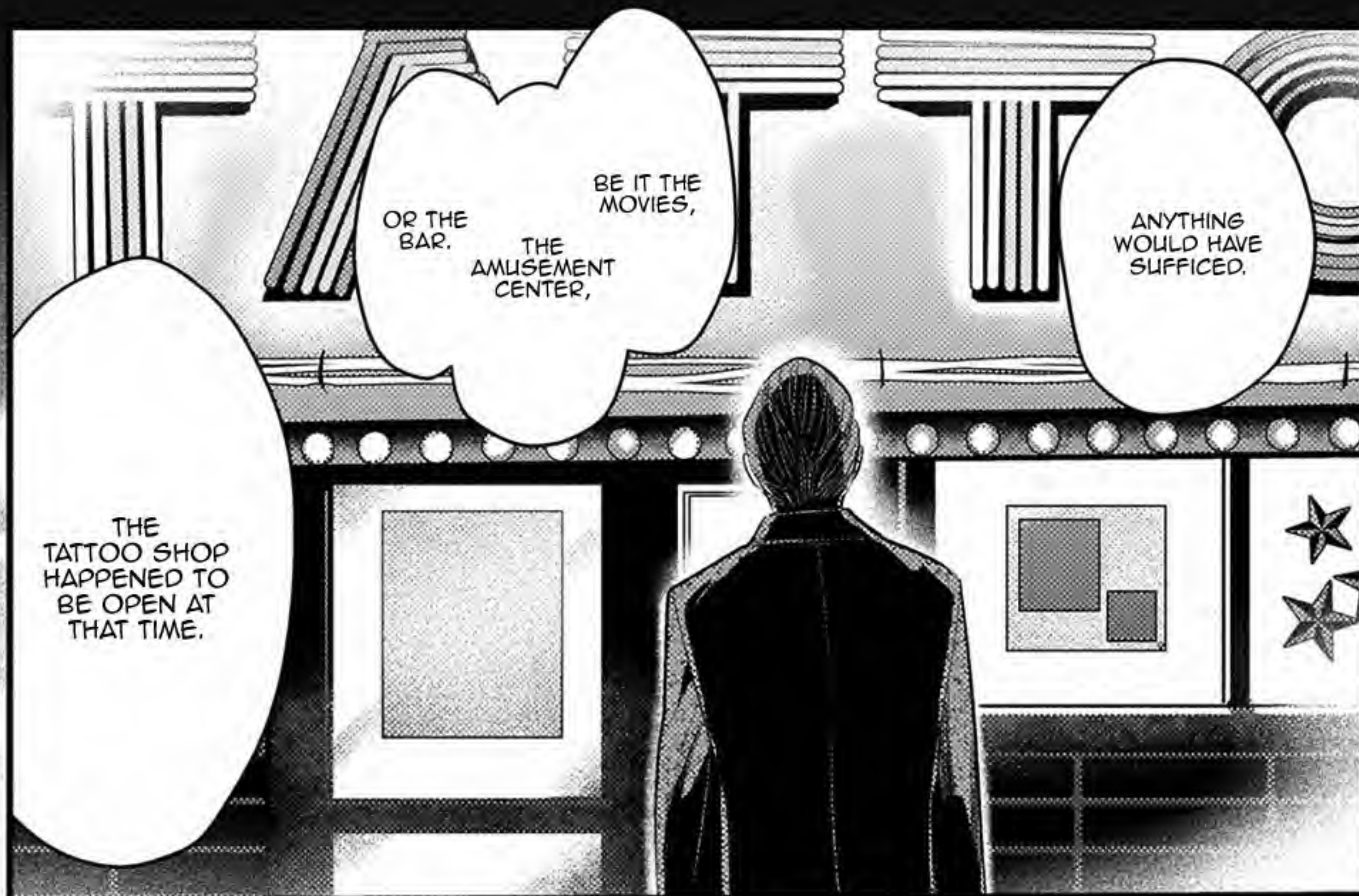
YOU EVEN
WENT OUT OF
YOUR WAY TO
IMPERSONATE
A DELIVERY
MAN...



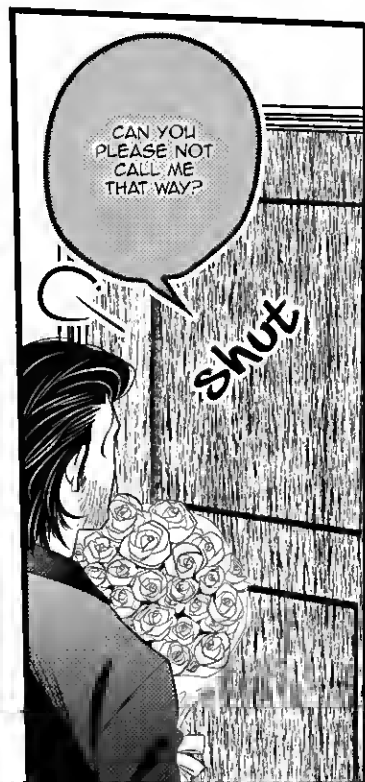


















I STILL HAVEN'T
GOTTEN YOUR
SIGNATURE.

BUT I DON'T
HAVE ROSES
TODAY.

THE RAIN
SUDDENLY
POURED THAT
I DIDN'T HAVE
TIME TO
BUY IT.


I THOUGHT I
MADE IT CLEAR
THAT I'M NOT THE
PERSON YOU
IDOLIZED.



IS BEYOND
YOUR IMAGI-
NATION.

MY
PERSISTENCE

I TOLD
YOU,
DIDN'T I?



HIS COACH AND
HIM, THE TWO
OF THEM HAD A
RELATIONSHIP.

WHEN
"ABIEL"

WAS IN
HIGH
SCHOOL,



THANKS TO
THAT, HE FLEW
WITH A HIGH
LEVEL OF
SKILL.

HE HAD
TO TAKE
CARE OF
THE HEAT.

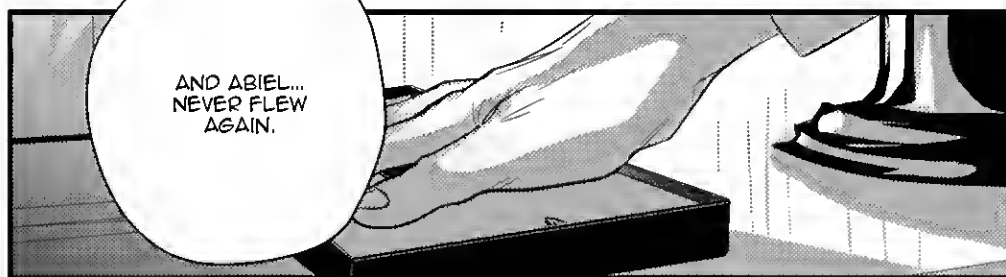
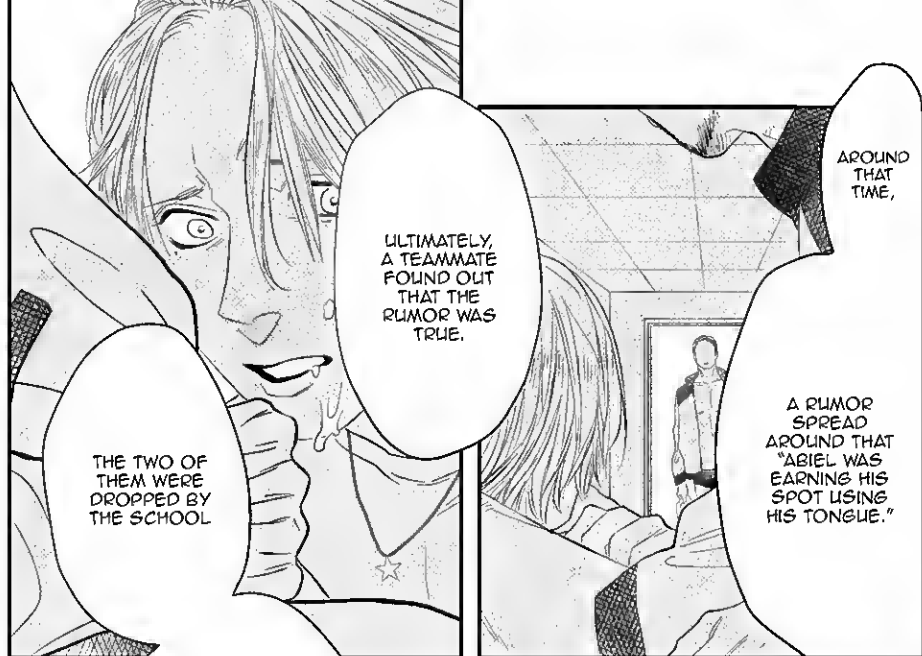
FOR HIS
COACH TO
FOCUS ON
COACHING
HIM,



HE WAS
ABLE TO COME
OUT OF THE
SELECTION
MEET FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL
TOURNAMENT
WITH A
MAGNIFICENT
VICTORY.



DESPITE
BEING AN
AVERAGE
ATHLETE,





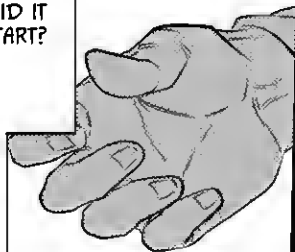
I AM NO
STAR.

THE BACK
THAT SEEMED
WIDE TO ME
AS A KID



JUST
WHEN
DID IT
START?

MY ADMIRA-
TION HAS
CHANGED
BEFORE I
KNEW IT.



HAS LOST
ITS MUS-
CULAR
FIGURE

AND LOOKS
FEEBLE.





THE SHOOTING
STAR I WAS
MESMERIZED
WITH

NO MATTER
WHAT MAY HAVE
HAPPENED IN
THE PAST,

ABI,

...NO,

RIGHT
FROM THE
VERY
START,

IS RIGHT IN
FRONT OF ME.

I WAS
ALREADY
INFATUATED
WITH YOU.

AND I'M
NOT MISTAKING
ANYONE FOR
HIM.



YOU MAY HAVE
GOTTEN A
LITTLE OLDER,
BUT IT'S STILL
THE SAME.

THAT FACE
DAMP WITH
WATER.

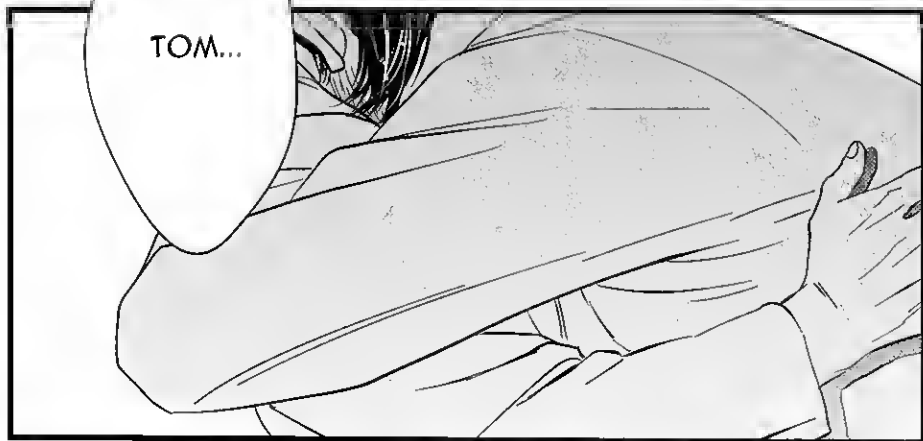


MY FIRST
MAGNITUDE
STAR.

SINCE
I WAS A
BRAT, I'VE
ALWAYS...



TOM...

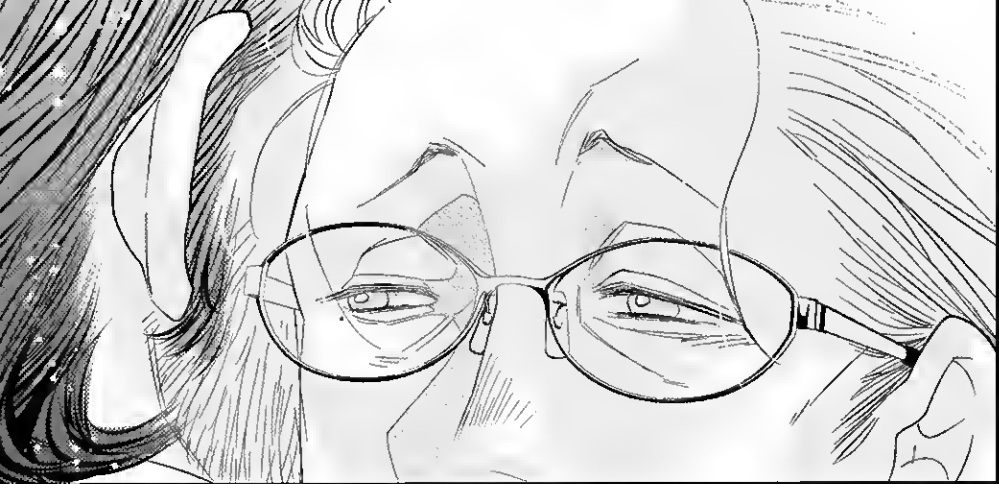


THE SHOOTING
STAR FAR
BEYOND MY
REACH.

OH.

THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME YOU
CALLED ME
BY MY NAME,
ISN'T IT?

SOMEONE
LIKE YOU-



YOUR
IMAGINATION
IS GETTING
AHEAD OF
YOU.

EVER SINCE
THAT CHANCE
MEETING,

FINDING IT
TOOK THREE
YEARS.



CATCHING IT,
HOWEVER,



TOOK
ME 34
YEARS.

END

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Stray Kumo!

ENJOY YOUR DAY!

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